

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. We hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the adventures of a new school year. It's great to see familiar faces and to meet all our new children and families who have joined our school community this Autumn term. We hope that children settle soon into their new routines and make new friends quickly. I know that the staff have been busy during the holidays, preparing classrooms and designing exciting activities to support our ambitious curriculum at Westfield. I'm sure the children will embrace new learning opportunities whilst having lots of fun. You can find out more about what's happening by following our Instagram account WESTFIELDCOTT

Mrs Hickey



## **School Staffing**

This term we welcome Mrs Smith to the staff team. Mrs Smith will teach in Y3 on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesday, sharing the class with Mrs Hind. Mrs Hayre will also be joining the TA team and will be working in the nursery during the morning sessions and we are delighted to welcome Miss Stanyer as our new cook.

## **Parent / Carer Consultation Meetings**

This term our Pupil Progress Meetings for families will take place during the week commencing 13 October. This will be a short five meeting giving the opportunity to meet children's new teachers and discuss how they have settled into the new year. Details of how to book meeting through Arbor will be communicated nearer the time.

Attainment and academic progress will be discussed in more detail in the Spring consultation meetings, but if you have concerns at any point, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **EYFS Phonics Information Sessions**

Teaching phonics is an important start to children's education and, this half term, we are pleased to offer an Information Session for parents of pupils in EYFS to explain how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your children at home. This session will take place on Tuesday 23 September at 5.30pm. We hope to see lots of you there!



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### School Meals

Could we politely remind all parents that school meals should be paid for in advance and accounts should not fall into arrears. Should your account fall into arrears, the school office will contact you to inform you of the situation. The price of a school dinner for KS2 pupils is £2.75. This is in line with the recommended cost from the Local Authority. Pupils in KS1 and EYFS are entitled to free school meals through current Government funding.

A menu is available on the website <http://www.westfieldprimaryschool.org/>

### Payments

We are also very pleased to announce that we are now able to process card payments at the office for purchases of book bags etc and hope that this will make transactions easier for families.

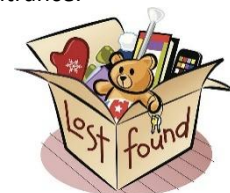
### OPAL Play

We are very excited to be launching our OPAL Play for children this term. This will greatly improve our play offer and give much more access to different activities. This is the start of a journey, but our first steps will be to introduce a Digging Area, Messy Kitchen, Spinning Cups, Tunnels, Bowling and Dressing Up areas. Please ensure your child always has a waterproof jacket (which you don't mind getting dirty) and wellies in school at all times so that they can take advantage of this great opportunity.

### Lost property

Despite having cloakrooms in many of our classrooms and our very best efforts, every term we generate a massive amount of lost property! Many of the items often appear to be brand new and can range from the usual suspects, such as jumpers and cardigans, to expensive winter coats and even shoes! To help reduce this could we please ask that at the start of this year all uniform is labelled with your child's name and their class. This will ensure that lost items can be returned quickly and effectively. Should you need to access our lost property, this is stored in the school entrance.

### Diary dates— Autumn term 2025



Wednesday 1 October	Y6 Residential visit
Thursday 2 October	Y6 Residential visit
Friday 3 October	Y6 Residential visit
Friday 3 October	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 6 October	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 7 October	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 8 October	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 10 October	School Photos
Monday 13 October	Parent Consultations—details to follow
Monday 13 October	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 14 October	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 17 October	Flu vaccines for pupils
Friday 24 October	HALF TERM
Monday 3 November	Children return to school

